

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 2 NOVEMBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1026-1-01 (ACCNO 1190) Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED
Name: WIGGINS, WALLACE LUTTRELL Date Status assigned: 2 Oct 1978

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	O2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	#	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	003154307	Height	71 in / 1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	266272
Birth date	10 Dec 1943	Weight	168 lb / 76.1 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	CALIFORNIA	Religion	OTHER	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	CRASH SITE	RESOLVED SITE
UTM:	48QVH690425	48QVH656419
Lat/Long:	201654N / 1044211E	201634N / 1044014E
Country:	NORTH VIETNAM	LAOS
Military Region:	2	
Mission Province:	THANH HOA	HOUAPHAN
(formerly):		
Mission District:	QUAN HOA	VIANGXAI
Mission Date:	3 Feb 1968	
Mission Category:	2	
Local Analysis:	None.	

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Additional Information Obtained: Mar 92
Vessey Case: NO

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F102A	Serial: 1166
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J5723A
Call Sign: JERSEY WHITE 02	1 Serial: P625809
Year: 56	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

15 July 1975

ON 3 FEBRUARY 1968 1LT WALLACE L. WIGGINS WAS THE PILOT OF THE NUMBER TWO AIRCRAFT, (#56-1166), IN A FLIGHT OF TWO F102A'S ON A MIG COMBAT AIR PATROL MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. DURING THE COURSE OF THE MISSION LT WIGGINS WAS ATTACKED BY ENEMY MIG FIGHTERS AND CALLED THAT HE WAS IN TROUBLE AND THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH HIS AIRCRAFT. THE FLIGHT LEADER SAW THAT THE TAIL SECTION WAS DAMAGED AND THAT RAW FUEL WAS COMING FROM THE TAILPIPE OF LT WIGGINS' AIRCRAFT. THE FLIGHT LEADER INSTRUCTED HIM TO TURN WEST AND TO TRY TO GET AS FAR INTO LAOS AS HE COULD.

AFTER THE FLIGHT LEADER HAD ENGAGED THE MIG'S TO DISCOURAGE FURTHER ATTACKS ON LT WIGGINS' AIRCRAFT, LT WIGGINS RADIOED THAT HE HAD A FIRE LIGHT AND STATED THAT HE WAS BAILING OUT. ABOUT FIVE SECONDS LATER THE FLIGHT LEADER SAW A LARGE FIREBALL AND DEBRIS FALLING. HE CIRCLED THE AREA, BUT DID NOT HEAR A BEEPER NOR SEE ANY SIGN OF A PARACHUTE. THE FLIGHT LEADER INITIATED A MAYDAY AND REPORTED THE POSITION AS GRID COORDINATES VH 690 425, ABOUT 2800 METERS EAST OF THE LAOTIAN BORDER. A VISUAL AND ELECTRONIC SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED WITH OUT SUCCESS, SO NO SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORT WAS ATTEMPTED. (REF 1)

ON 28 JULY 1968, RADIO PATHET LAO BROADCAST THE DOWNING OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FORCES ON 3 FEBRUARY 1968 AND INDICATED THAT THE PILOT HAD BEEN KILLED BY A NUMBER OF VILLAGERS OF HIN DAM VILLAGE, HOUAPHANH PROVINCE, LAOS. (INFORMATION IN THIS BROADCAST POSSIBLE CORRELATES TO THE 1LT WIGGINS' INCIDENT). (REF 2)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING.

=== REFERENCES ===

15 July 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT , 636TH CSG, AF FORM 484 W/STATEMENTS, 15 FEB 68.
<2> MSG , FBIS , 290148Z JUL 68. <3> AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE, 081051Z APR 92. <4> CDR, JTF-FA/J2 210022Z OCT 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

21 September 1978

ON 26 AUG 1978, THE REMAINS OF 1LT WIGGINS WERE RETURNED TO U.S.

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CONTROL AND IDENTIFIED.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

11 September 1978

LAST KNOWN (SITE) LOCATION OF VH656419 ENTERED BASED ON ANALYSIS OF FBIS REPORT 290148Z JUL 68. SUBJ; RADIO PATHET LAO (CLANDESTINE) IN FRENCH TO LAOS; MSG 432 TACRECONWG UDORN RTAFB THAI, 031331Z FEB 68; AND AF FORM 484 636 CMBT SPT GP 05 FEB 68.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

23 April 1992

ON 03 APR 92, A JOINT TEAM WAS CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF CASE 0414 AND RECEIVED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING REFNO 1026. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE IS CONSISTENT WITH JTF-FA FILE DATA IN THAT HE PROVIDED THE YEAR, GENERAL LOCATION, THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE LOSS, AND FATE OF THE PILOT. (REF 3)

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

28 October 1993

ON 17 DEC 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED, "COMBAT ACTIONS OF THE VIETNAM PEOPLES AIR FORCE 1965-1972." LINE ENTRY #188 POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 1026-1-01 BASED ON INCIDENT DATE, GENERAL AREA OF LOSS AND AIRCRAFT TYPE. (REF 4)

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===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1035-1-01 (ACCNO 0436) Status: (Z) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: GODWIN, SOLOMON HUGHEY Date Status assigned: 15 May 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	W3	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	098722	Height	71 in / 1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	24 Jan 1935	Weight	185 lb / 83.8 kg	Duty pos	INTEL OFF
Home State	ARKANSAS	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	GROUND SITE	
UTM:	48QYD764209	48QYD676258
Lat/Long:	162718N / 1073520E	163001N / 1073026E
Country:	SOUTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	1	
Mission Province:	THUA THIEN-HUE	
(formerly):	THUA THIEN	
Mission District:	HUE CITY	
Mission Date:	5 Feb 1968	
Mission Category:	3	
Local Analysis:	None.	Populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: May 93, Apr 93, Jul 92, Feb 90
Investigations: Jan 89, Aug 90, Aug 92
Additional Information Obtained: Jul 91
Vessey Case: ONE
Case type: DISCREPANCY

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	GRND	Serial:	\$
Crash Type:	None	Engine Type:	\$
Call Sign:	\$	1 Serial:	\$
Year:	\$	2 Serial:	\$

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